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ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 26—JULY 2, 1912

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From present indications the coming annual meeting will be unusually well attended. Your Committee urges each member to make arrangements for being present well in advance, and to extend a cordial invitation to all who may be interested.

As in the past we meet in conjunction with the American Library Association and kindred associations.

Apart from making many new acquaintanceships, valuable professionally, and listening to and taking part in the discussions public and private of subjects in which all are interested, there are many attractions in the capital city of the Dominion and the surrounding country. Ample opportunity will be given for sightseeing, and Montreal, Quebec and Toronto are not far away. The post-conference trip to the Saguenay River on specially chartered steamers will require only a week and will cost less than \$40.

There will be two joint sessions; one with the National Association of State Libraries, at which will be discussed the report of the committee on the proposed national legislative information service and other matters of interest to the two associations; the other, arranged by the American Bibliographical Society for the discussion of legal bibliography. The National Association of State Libraries and the Special Libraries Association will also take part in this session. Among the speakers promised are Dr. John H. Wigmore, Dr. G. E. Wire, F. B. Crossley, F. W. Jenkins and L. J. Burpee.

Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, Legislative Librarian of British Columbia, will address us on matters pertaining to law and legislative libraries in Canada. Mrs. M. C. Klingelsmith, of the University of Pennsylvania Law Library, will present a paper on "The Books of the Beginnings," which will give us an insight into the results of her historical studies into the bibliography of the law. We are also planning papers on "Canadian and English Legal Literature," "The Growth and Value of Legal Periodicals," and "The Law Library from the Points of View of the Judge, the Attorney, the Law Student and the People." Unfortunately at this early date a full list of speakers cannot be given, nor can we be absolutely certain of all the papers above mentioned. There will undoubtedly be one or two additional papers, the titles of which cannot be given at this time.

There will be a number of round table discussions, which to many are the most interesting parts of the program. These will be devoted in part to the questions suggested by the reports of committees. The most important will be on the tentative list of headings for subject catalogues of law libraries which has been prepared by the Library of Congress.

I quote a statement prepared by the Law Librarian of the Library of Congress, Mr. E. M. Borchardt.

"The special attention of law librarians is directed to the 'Tentative Headings and Cross References for a Subject Catalogue of American and English Law' recently published by the Library of Congress. The purpose of the list was to bring about uniformity in the subject catalogues of the text-book material in law libraries. In its preparation existing printed catalogues were consulted and compared, the text-books in the collections of the Library were examined, and the custom of the bar in calling for and using legal material carefully noted. The aim has been to provide a heading for every subject under which persons who use law treatises are likely to look for their material.

"Now that the Library of Congress is undertaking to supply subject headings for the printed cards on law books, the desirability of a uniform nomenclature is manifest. In order to perfect the scheme and encourage its adoption throughout the country, the co-operation of law librarians is highly to be desired. Suggestions for the improvement of the list have therefore been invited by the Library of Congress. The Association proposes to take up the question at a round table discussion at its next annual meeting. Members of the Association are earnestly requested to give the matter of the Headings and Cross References careful consideration, and to prepare in advance of the meeting such suggestions and criticisms as may, in their opinion, contribute to the improvement of the list."

The advantage to be derived from being familiar with the scheme of headings proposed alone makes it worth while for all law librarians to secure a copy of the pamphlet and give it careful study. That the Library of Congress asks for suggestions from law librarians and proposes to make use of these suggestions so that the list in its final form may be of the greatest use in making thoroughly practical subject catalogues of our law libraries, presents an opportunity which your Committee feels should not fail of the utmost attention. Copies of the tentative list may be secured by application to the Librarian of Congress. Please go over this carefully and bring your suggestions to Ottawa, or, if you unfortunately cannot attend, send them to the Secretary.

TRAVEL AND HOTEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

While application for special reduced rates have been made by the Travel Committee of the American Library Association with which association we are affiliated, it seems doubtful if such rates will fall much below the regular summer excursion round trip which will be in force to Ottawa from most points in the eastern and central United States. Parties intending to travel alone should consult their home railway agent.

If the going trip does not pass through Montreal and you desire to take the post-conference trip, tickets should be bought if possible to Montreal,

via Ottawa, with stop-over privileges at Ottawa for the conference, and at Montreal for the post-conference trip.

Three special parties will be made up as follows:

Boston party—Special sleepers will leave Boston early on the evening of June 25th, due to arrive in Ottawa about noon June 26th. Round trip fare Boston to Ottawa will probably be \$19.40, lower berth \$2.50 one way. Reservation for this party should be made with Mr. F. W. Faxon, 83 Francis Street, Boston, and deposit covering Pullman will later be required.

New York party—This party will leave New York on the evening of June 25th by the Albany night boat. From Albany special Pullman cars will be run through to Ottawa, reaching there about supper time, June 26th. Round trip rate will be about \$22.00, which includes state room berth on boat and Pullman car seat going. Tickets will be good for return by all rail route. The rate from Philadelphia for this party will be \$4.50 in addition to the above. Reservations should be made with C. H. Brown, Brooklyn Public Library, and deposit for accommodations will be required later.

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Complete information regarding routes and rates, also attractive return trips by way of Boston, New York, Niagara Falls, Washington, Norfolk, etc., will be announced later.

POST-CONFERENCE TRIP

The party will leave Ottawa on Wednesday morning, July 3rd, arriving in Montreal for lunch and will spend the afternoon and evening in seeing the city, visiting McGill University and the Westmount public library. On Wednesday evening, July 3rd, the party takes special steamer and proceeds down the river, passing Quebec the next morning, calling in the afternoon at the little French village of Les Eboulements, and later at Tadousac at the mouth of the Saguenay. Between Tadousac and Capes Eternity and Trinity occurs the very finest scenery on the Saguenay; and this part of the route will be traversed while the sun is setting and the late moon rising, so that the Capes themselves may be seen by moonlight. Early next morning the steamer will be at Ha Ha Bay, near Chicoutimi, chosen instead of the latter as a turning point of the excursion. Having ascended the Saguenay by night the descent will be made by day with a long stop at the Capes, and at Tadousac. Thence the steamer will cross the St. Lawrence, here 18 to 20 miles wide, in order to give the party an additional taste of salt water and also to get the effect of the sunset on the northern cliffs. The next day will be spent at Murray Bay; the next (Sunday) at Quebec. Three rivers at the mouth of the St. Maurice river will be reached on Monday morning, and there a landing will be made for a day's excursion to Shawinigan Falls. On Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the Post-Conference trip will end at Montreal in time for all home-bound trains.

The cost of this week-long river trip will be well within \$40.00, including state room, berths, meals, etc.

Those desiring to take this trip should communicate at once with Mr. F. W. Faxon, 83 Francis Street, Boston.

HOTELS.

Headquarters will be at the Chateau Laurier, the new hotel which will be opened on the 24th of May. Rates \$1.25 to \$3.50 per day, European plan. Table d'hôte dinners will be served for \$1.00; other meals à la carte.

The New Russell Hotel, about one minute's walk from the Chateau Laurier. Rates \$1.00 to \$3.50 per day, European plan.

Grand Union Hotel, about five minutes' walk, from the Chateau Laurier. Rates \$2.50 per day, American plan.

Further information regarding hotels and boarding-houses will be issued later.

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In addition to the two joint sessions above mentioned there will be at least one session of the Association at which the program will be as follows:

Address of welcome by the Honorable Alfred De Celles, Library of Parliament, Ottawa.

Some Suggestions Relating to Co-operation Between Legislative Reference Departments, by George S. Godard, Connecticut State Library.

Indexing and Care of Pamphlets in a State Library, by H. O. Brigham, Rhode Island State Library.

Trials and Tribulations of a document Librarian, by William R. Reinick, Department of Public Documents, Free Library of Philadelphia.

Bill Drafting, by James McKirdy, Legislative Reference Bureau, Pennsylvania State Library.

Presentation and discussion of the reports of the following committees:

Co-operation between legislative reference departments.

Exchange and distribution of state documents.

Public archives.

Publication of a municipal yearbook.

Systematic bibliography of state official literature.

Uniformity in preparation and publication of session laws.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BAR ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

Your committee on bibliography of bar association proceedings has been mindful of the trust imposed upon it and begs leave to report that through correspondence with Mr. Francis Rawle of Philadelphia, arrangements have been made whereby a bibliography is offered gratuitously to this association. Mr. Rawle has, no doubt, the best collection of bar proceedings in existence; from this collection he has prepared a bibliography and offers it to this association.

We recommend the acceptance of this generous offer and that the secretary be instructed to thank Mr. Rawle on behalf of this association. Also, that a committee on bibliography be appointed by the incoming president and that said committee enter into further negotiations with him for the manuscript. After possession is secured and conditions are complied with the manuscript to be at the disposal of the Executive Committee.

A. J. SMALL,
E. M. GODDARD,
Committee.

Pasadena, May 18, 1911.

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